



Institutional Biosafety Committee

**UNTHSC IBC Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026
12:01 pm – 1:04 pm
Teams meeting**

Members in Attendance

Rance Berg – IBC Chair
Anne-Sophie Brocard (IBC vice Chair, UNTHSC member)
Maya Nair, BSO – *IBC Coordinator*
Egeenee Daniels -UNTHSC member
Jayoung Kim - UNTHSC member
Richard McKee- UNTHSC member
Christopher Parker (Community member)
Raghu Krishnamoorthy - UNTHSC member
Mike Chumley (Community member)

Members Absent

None

Quorum – Present

Other individual in Attendance

Misha Dunbar - Assoc Dir & Clinical Vet Laboratory Animal Medicine
Michele Espinoza-sauceda - Research Specialist – Shadow EHS

IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest as each registration is reviewed.

I. Minutes Approval:

Janyary meeting minutes were approved
Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 2 Total:9 Recusals: 0

II. Discussions of prior business and updates to the committee:

Dr. Brocard introduced Ms. Michele Espinoza-sauceda, Research Specialist to IBC. Michelle is interested in Shadowing EHS and learn more about the safety culture at an academic institution.

IBC submission forms revisions were presented to the members by Dr. Brocard. And the proposed changes were approved

Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

III. Submissions for Convened Review – 1

1. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/rDNA/JKim/2026-1**
Protocol Title: Targeted non-viral delivery of nucleic acid to diseased tissues and cells
PI: Jayoung Kim, PhD
Biosafety Level: BSL2
NIH Category: IID1, IIF1
Committee recommendation: RMTSA
Vote: Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstained: 1 Total:9 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please provide details of AAV used in the proposed research
- Please provide the animal protocol number
- Please provide detailed information on how the nanoparticles are produced
- Please mark “NO” for the section that the samples are inactivated.
- Please use hard plastic containers for tertiary containment while transporting the biohazard material.

2. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/LX/2026-1**
Protocol Title: Prohibiting Cell Death in Human Keratocytes: New insights for Non-surgical Keratoconus Treatment
PI: Xinyue Liu, PhD
Biosafety Level: BSL2
NIH Category: None
Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:9 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please provide the original source for the human eye samples.
- Please add an additional person for emergency contact

IV. Response to Requires Modification to Secure Approval- 4

V. Amendments approved Administratively: 1

PI	Protocol approval date	Change	Protocol number
Bruce Bunelle	11/16/23	Dr. R. Cunningham was added as the CoI	IBC/P/BB/2023-1

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: IBC chair moved to Adjourn the meeting at 1:04PM

IBC Chair

Name: Rance Berg, PhD

Signed by:
Rance Berg
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Signature: Date: 3/24/2026

IBC Coordinator

Maya Nair PhD, RBP (ABSA)

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